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SUBJECT: NARITA AIRPORT - MEETING OFFICIAL VISITORS

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1. DESPITE THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED RE USE OF THE NEW
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SIX WEEKS' EXPERIENCE SINCE
NARITA OPENING HAS BEEN REASONABLY GOOD. INCOMING
PASSENGERS HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED UNDULY LONG TRANSPORTATION
DELAYS INTO CITY AND USE OF BUS TO TOKYO CITY AIR
TERMINAL (TCAT) HAS PROVED TO BE THE MOST EFFICIENT
MEANS OF TRAVEL; THIS COULD CHANGE IN UPCOMING WEEKENDS
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AS FRIDAY - SUNDAY BEACH TRAFFIC TO AND FROM TOKYO
INCREASES. PROCESSING THROUGH CIQ IS SMOOTH AND THE
VARIOUS FACILITIES AT BOTH AIRPORT AND TCAT ARE WELL-
MARKED IN ENGLISH. PERSONS DEPARTING THROUGH NARITA
MUST ANTICIPATE SOME INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY EARLY
CHECK-IN HOURS BOTH AT TCAT AND AT THE AIRPORT TO INSURE
AMPLE TIME FOR TRANSIT TO AIRPORT AND/OR THE STRICTER

SECURITY MEASURES IN FORCE AT THE AIRPORT. CURRENTLY ALL PASSENGER BAGGAGE (BOTH CHECKED AND CARRY ON) IS BEING ROUTINELY INSPECTED.

2. AS OUTLINED REFTTEL, EMBASSY DOES NOT MEET OFFICIAL VISITORS OR PROVIDE OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION TO OR FROM THE AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE. THE UNCERTAINTY OF ARRIVAL TIME OF PASSENGERS AT TCAT ALSO MAKES IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO SCHEDULE OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION FROM TCAT TO DESTINATION SO OFFICIAL VISITORS ARE BEING REQUESTED TO PROCEED FROM TCAT TO DESTINATION BY REGULARLY SCHEDULES BUSES WHICH RUN TO MAJOR DOWNTOWN HOTELS OR BY TAXI. TAXI FARE FROM AIRPORT TO CITY IS PROHIBITIVE (YEN 12,000 CURRENTLY EQUIV \$60).

3. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY AND CONSTITUENT POSTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MET ON INITIAL ARRIVAL IN JAPAN AND ON RETURN FROM HOME LEAVE AND TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED AS WELL ON DEPARTURE ON HOME LEAVE AND/OR TRANSFER. PERSONNEL ON TDY (BOTH TO AND FROM JAPAN) ARE EXPECTED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

4. CHINA AIRLINES CONTINUES TO OPERATE FROM HANEDA AIRPORT. AIRPORT BUS TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE TO AND FROM MAJOR DOWNTOWN HOTELS. TAXI FARES FROM HANEDA TO DOWNTOWN AVERAGE YEN 2,900 - 3,300 (\$14 - UNCLASSIFIED

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\$17 EQUIVALENT).

5. REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF ADDRESSEE POSTS IN ALERTING OFFICIAL VISITORS EN ROUTE TOKYO FROM YOUR AREA RE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS. MANSFIELD

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